

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a load carrier fixing member to a vehicle, the method comprising applying adhesive to at least one of a roof of the vehicle ~~roof and/or~~ or the fixing member, and attaching the fixing member to the vehicle, for subsequent attachment of a load carrier to the fixing member, the fixing member comprising a surface for adhering to the vehicle, characterized in that the surface for adhering to the vehicle comprises at least one undercut ~~or and/or~~ dovetail.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface for adhering to the vehicle is indented.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a load carrier for attaching to the load carrier fixing member is a roof rail or roof rack.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the load carrier is a roof rack and the load carrier fixing member is a roof rail.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the load carrier is attached directly to one or more fixing members.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a fixing member trim finisher is attached to a non adhered side of the fixing member.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the fixing member trim finisher is removably attached to the fixing member.

10. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing member comprises at least one gap hider.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 10 ~~[[8]]~~, wherein the at least one gap hider is positioned between the fixing member and the vehicle body roof.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises pre-treating the vehicle, ~~the pre-treating~~ including at least one of cleaning a part of the vehicle to be worked on, ~~and/or the use of~~ or using an abrasive material.

13. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fixing member is secured in position using one or more locating members, ~~which is/are~~ the one or more locating members being shaped to hold the fixing member in the required position relative to the vehicle roof to receive a load carrier.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of attaching a load carrier fixing member to a vehicle, the method comprising applying adhesive to at least one of a roof of the vehicle roof and/or ~~or said~~ fixing member, and attaching said fixing member to the vehicle, the surface for adhering to the vehicle comprises at least one undercut and/or dovetail.

15. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the load carrier fixing member is a roof rail.

16. (Original) A method as claimed in claims 14, wherein the load carrier fixing member is a trim finisher.

17. (Withdrawn) A kit for fitting a load carrier fixing to a vehicle, the kit comprising a fixing member as defined in claim 1, and adhesive.

18. (Withdrawn) A fixing member for a vehicle load carrier attachment comprising an adhesive receiving portion and a load carrier fixing portion, wherein the load carrier fixing portion is operable to receive a fixing element of the vehicle load carrier attachment.

19. (Withdrawn) A fixing member as claimed in claim 18, wherein the adhesive receiving portion incorporates at least one recess adapted to receive adhesive.

20. (Withdrawn) A fixing member as claimed in claim 18, wherein the adhesive receiving portion is a locating portion having roof engaging projections, which are operable to locate the locating portion relative to a roof recess.

21. (Withdrawn) A fixing member as claimed in claim 18, wherein a portion of said fixing member is adapted to be hooked under a part of the vehicle roof.

22. (Withdrawn) A method of securing a vehicle load carrier to a vehicle roof using adhesive and mechanical attachment to the vehicle roof.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a portion of said fixing member is adapted to be hooked under a part of the vehicle roof.